

## RESUMPTION OF 'PHONE HEARING

Direct Examination of President Spalding of New England Company Completed.

Montpelier, Dec. 2.—This was an extremely interesting day at the hearing before the public service commission relative to telephone rates. Dr. Hammond V. Hayes, former chief engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, and President Spalding of the New England company were the witnesses. Dr. Hayes' testimony related wholly to an inventory of the telephone company's property in Vermont made in 1907. In his direct testimony President Spalding covered two points, the payment to the American Telephone and Telegraph company by the New England company in return for the free use of telephone instruments and also for various engineering, accounting, legal and financial services, and also an examination and justification of an item which appeared on the balance sheet as "the cost of establishing the telephone as a going concern."

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## Water Taxes.

BOTH METTER AND SCHEDULE for the quarter ending November 30, 1913, are now due and payable at the Water Office, No. 5, City Hall. Payment followed on bills paid on or before December 10, 1913. Office hours for the first ten days of December, from 8:30 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., after that from 8:30 to 12 a. m. and from 1:00 to 5:00 p. m.

Unless prompt payment is made, five per cent. will be added to the tax bill and the water shut off, as provided in Section 33 of the Water Ordinance.

J. FRANK KIDDER, Supt. 287.81

## CENTRAL VERMONT RAILWAY

Time Table in Effect Sept. 28, 1913.

Trains Leave Burlington.

4:05 a. m. daily, night express for Montreal, Ottawa and Chicago. Through sleeping cars Essex Junction to Montreal.

7:10 a. m. except Sunday, mail for Boston, Worcester and Springfield. Parlor car, dining car, through sleeping cars to Boston without change, due Boston 4:45 p. m.

7:20 p. m. except Sunday, local for Cambridge Junction, St. Johnsbury and Portland.

9:50 a. m. except Sunday, local for Montreal and Ottawa.

10:01 a. m. Sunday only, newspaper train for St. Albans.

11:00 a. m. daily, "New England States Limited" with through coaches, parlor car and dining car Essex Junction to Boston. Through parlor car Essex Junction to New York without change.

12:40 p. m. except Sunday, local for St. Albans, Richmond, White River Junction and Boston, due Boston 10:45 p. m., connects at White River Junction with train leaving 6:00 p. m. with through sleeping car for Springfield and New York.

4:40 p. m. except Sunday, mail for Montreal, Rouen Point, Ogdensburg and Richmond.

4:50 p. m. except Sunday, local for Cambridge Junction and St. Johnsbury.

6:45 p. m. daily express for Montreal and Chicago. Through standard sleeping cars to Chicago daily, through tourist sleeping cars to Chicago Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays without change.

11:15 p. m. express for Boston, New London, Springfield and New York. Through sleeping cars to Boston and Springfield.

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them. The advantages of a central organization of this kind to make experimental studies and laboratory tests of the various subsidiary companies, not only of a heavy responsibility but also of what would be a great expense if each company had to work out these various experimental details for itself.

## OTHER SERVICES RENDERED.

The New England company also receives legal assistance in the form of reports of decisions by courts and commissions on rate questions throughout the United States and Canada, and financial assistance when the money market is in such condition as to make a bond or stock issue inadvisable. Other services which he mentioned were those in connection with accounting, insurance, statistical studies in this country and on the continent in the preparation of telephone directories and in connection with a benefit fund for pensions, sickness and death benefits.

Mr. Spalding defended the item entered on the balance sheet under the heading "cost of establishing the telephone as a going concern" by picturing the inventory value of the property as representing what he called the "bare bones" of the business. This inventory represented a lifeless physical property. To vivify it into existence there had to be spent large sums of money for getting subscribers and for training a skilled force of telephone employees. Detail costs of establishing the business in this way had not been kept, so that as presented it represented largely an estimate. This estimate was formed, he said, by taking account of the company's book value of about \$2,000,000, and then making an estimate of 20 per cent. of that value and distributing it between the New England company and its subsidiaries in proportion to the value of the physical property as shown in the inventory.

This cost of establishing the business as a going concern, he had figured at \$400,000 and he felt that the estimate he presented was a low one. To justify this figure he presented two other calculations, one on the assumption that the plant was to be constructed beginning as of today, consuming four years time, the other to be done by a contractor who would charge into the job all the reasonable elements of cost, supervision and labor on investment during construction. On this basis he figured that the cost of establishing the business would be \$800,000. Taking as another illustration a plan that has been recognized by the Wisconsin public service commission for finding the cost of a new plant, he figured that according to the Wisconsin method, this cost of establishing the business would reach \$1,200,000.

Into this computation he figured nothing for franchise value or for good will because he said he did not think they had any place at all. He took the actual property as shown by the books and assumed for the purpose of computation that each per cent. would be a fair return. The difference between that estimated fair return on an eight per cent. basis and the actual return on the investment showed a difference of \$400,000 for the Champlain Valley company since 1907, a difference of \$400,000 for the Franklin County company back to 1901, a difference of \$400,000 for the Passumpsic company since 1907, a difference of \$400,000 for the Vermont company since 1907, and a difference of \$400,000 for the New England company in Vermont since 1907.

Looked at from his point of view the telephone companies in Vermont, instead of earning too much have not earned what he considers a fair rate on the actual investment in the State. He closed his direct testimony just before adjournment and attorneys for the State will begin their cross-examination tomorrow. Dr. Hayes said that after he had secured offices as an electrical engineer he supervised an inventory of the property of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. The inventory in Massachusetts was made under the direction of Professor Jackson of the Institute of Technology, to whom Dr. Hayes submitted the units on which his calculations are based, and who also checked Dr. Hayes' figures by sending men to make test measurements at different points.

## PROPERTY IN VERMONT.

According to this inventory the New England company had the following property in Vermont as of 1907: Central office and substitution equipment, \$27,353.94; exchange construction, \$48,843.94; toll construction, \$12,456.12; real estate, \$2,352.47; furniture, tools, etc., \$11,827.97, making a total of \$103,835.48.

To illustrate the application of his unit figures to one branch of construction, the building of a pole line, he quoted the estimated cost of purchasing, hauling and erecting cedar poles as follows: 25-foot, \$1.51; 30-foot, \$2.99; 35-foot, \$5.22; 40-foot, \$10.22; 45-foot, \$14.85; 50-foot, \$17.37.

He submitted summaries of his inventory sheets but as counsel for the State desired time to analyze these figures his cross-examination was deferred, and President Spalding was recalled to the stand.

## LEAGUE FORMED.

French-American Citizens to Have Organizations in Many Vermont Towns.

The plans which have been on foot for some time for the organization of a Franco-American league in this State have materialized and as a result leagues will be formed all over Vermont and officers for the State and local leagues have already been elected.

The object of the league is to obtain better government and for naturalization purposes. Banquets will be held and speakers from different parts of the country will lecture. A league is already in the making in Winslow and will be organized in the near future. An attempt will be made to have a league in every city and town in this State where there is a French population.

The officers recently elected in the French league are: President, J. R. E. Chevalier of Winslow; first vice-president, Dr. J. E. LaRoque; second vice-president, Dr. J. G. Thabault of Winslow; treasurer, P. H. Robillard; secretary, Dr. R. J. A. Bombard; auditors, Jules Simay and Leon Mongeon.

Already there are more than 300 members of the local league and a committee has been appointed to each ward in order that all the French-speaking citizens may have an opportunity to join. The officers elected to serve for this league are: President, C. P. Dion; first vice-president, Dr. R. J. A. Bombard; second vice-president, Melise Parizo; treasurer, W. H. Girard; secretary, F. H. Robillard.

## ELECTS VERMONT PRESIDENT.

New York, Dec. 2.—"Captains of industry no longer look in doubt on the technical graduate; they give him work," said Dr. F. M. Jones of the University of Illinois in an address as retiring president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at the opening of the society's annual convention here today. James Hartness of Springfield, Vt., was elected as the society's next president.

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## LICENSE FEE FROM THE STRONG.

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Dean G. H. Perkins, "the oldest in the university's service, but the youngest man on the campus," defined college spirit. It means, he said, that we carry in ideal in our mind to which we give such unselfish devotion that we allow all our personal and minor interests to sink into the larger college interests. He illustrated his speech with a picture of the most beautiful sight in Burlington, snow mounded at sunset. The mountain is a mass of cold, cold, cold. The sun is in and cold and sparkling. The sunlight warms it up and thrills those who see it. The college is not the campus, buildings, athletics, social life. It is all. It is the men who have come and gone, the men who are here. The college spirit bathes all in its light.

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## VERMONT-HARVARD GAME MAY 14.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 2.—A schedule of 31 games was announced to-night for the Harvard baseball team, following a meeting of the athletic council. Principal games at Cambridge, unless otherwise indicated are: April 18, West Point at West Point; 22, Ann Arbor at Ann Arbor; 25, Columbia at New York; May 2, Syracuse, 14th University of Vermont; 16, University of Pennsylvania; 23, Princeton; 27, Dartmouth; June 15, Pennsylvania; 16, Yale at New Haven; 17th, Yale at Cambridge; 20, Yale at New York, in case of a tie.

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